



# Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

# COMMUNION

*“Spiritually Alive, Joyfully  
Inclusive, Committed to  
Justice.”*

## Sunday Morning

### May 15

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
ORUCC Choir

### May 22

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching

### May 29

10 am Ken Pennings  
preaching

Special Music

### June 5

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching  
TRU Function

### June 12

9 am Java & Jesus

10 am Winton Boyd preaching

### Newsletters:

**MAY 24** (articles due  
Monday, May 23)

**Summer Newsletters**

**June 14, July 12, August 16**

Articles due the  
Monday before

Information to be included in the newsletter is due the Monday before the above dates by 9:00 a.m. Email items to [office@orucc.org](mailto:office@orucc.org), or drop them off at the office.

### Church Emails

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Winton Boyd  
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## **May 22 WORSHIP AND WORK, PLANT and GARDEN SALE**

As is our tradition on Worship and Work Sunday, the Garden Tenders Team will be holding ORUCC's annual plant and garden sale. Unfortunately, after much thought and discussion, we have decided NOT to accept ground dug plant donations from the congregation this year due to the danger of spreading the invasive Asian Jumping Worms.

We will accept plants that have been over-wintered indoors bare-rooted or in pots. These may include dahlias, daylilies, herbs, etc. As usual, we will also accept pots, tools, garden art, and anything else outdoorsy you can think of.

I know this is a disappointment, but we thought it was best to err on the side of caution rather than risk spreading these destructive pests. It is our hope that next year, we will have protocols in place to prevent the spread of the worms and then will be able to accept ground dug plants accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Victoria Robertson at [vlorbertson65@gmail.com](mailto:vlorbertson65@gmail.com). More information about the Asian Jumping Worms can be found here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/fact/>

## **Children, Youth and Families**

**May 22**—All kids and families are invited to help with our Worship and Work Day. After 10:00 worship, there will be projects for kids and youth to help out with including planting flowers, working in the Children's Garden, moving mulch, etc. We hope as many families can stay as possible. There will be an awesome lunch that is provided.

**June 5**—At 9:00 a.m. we will celebrate the end of our Christian Education year with Breakfast Bar (yogurt, toppings, goodies). All children, youth and parents are invited to this. This is a chance for us to say thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.

**June 5**—The 10:00 worship hour will be led by our middle school youth. Tru Function will play and we will also share in communion that day.

**June 12**—We switch to our summer schedule (no 9:00 Sunday School) and begin our Summer Garden Program during the 10:00 hour for children first grade and up.

## **May Compassion Offering is Aldo Leopold Nature Center:**

Nature Nuts (elementary) and Academy A.L.D.O.-Adventure Learning & Discovery Outdoors (middle) are after school programs for students who cannot afford traditional after school activities. Students are recruited from Madison Schools & Community Recreation Youth Learning Centers and attend repeatedly for two to eight week sessions with topics such as:

-Forest Math and Intro to Map Reading to improve math skills  
-Using All the Senses, Birding, Animal and Plant Identification to strengthen cognitive skills and improve environmental knowledge

-Pond Ecology and Plant Power to improve science skills

-Orienteering, Survival and Habitats to improve student's self-reliance, self-confidence and sense of independence

-Hiking and Snowshoeing to improve physical fitness

-Wildlife Writing to improve literacy and critical thinking

-Leopold's Life & Legacy to introduce Aldo Leopold, the father of modern conservationism and connect with an influential and inspiring Wisconsin conservationist

-Circle of Sustainability to teach students to use resources wisely and to encourage them to formulate solutions to today's, and tomorrow's, environmental challenges

The curriculum is designed to address the physical needs of

some of the area's most challenged youth with outdoor exploration and to stimulate their intellectual development by focusing on improving academic and problem-solving skills. In addition, it enhances the emotional/social development of children by bringing them together in a safe and nurturing environment where they can interact with other students in positive ways.

*ALNC is located at 330 Femrite Drive, Monona, Wi. / [www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org](http://www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org)*

Each week cash offerings (change and bills) are designated to a worthy mission cause. Each month a different ministry is highlighted. For credit on your church statement, on your check write the ministry in the memo line. While this will not count toward your annual pledge, we will acknowledge the contribution on your statement.

## **Prayers of Concern:**

**For** the Boyd family grieving the death of Winton's father Derry last week.

**For** Bruce Gladstone grieving the death of his brother.

**For** Darren Schoer, Julie Horst, and children: Jackson & Natalie grieving the death of Darren's father Lowell.

**For** Heather & Ron Lott grieving the death of Heather's mother.

**For** Karen Falkner's grandson Jackson who is having surgery this week.

## **Prayers of Joy:**

**For** Bells Director Paul Litterio and the musical ministry of "the Bells."

**For** Megan Piper who received tenure last week for her faculty position at UW-Madison

**For** Peter Fabian's 40th anniversary of ordination to ministry last Sunday.

**For** Ruth Ann Berkholtz's and George Nesler's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**For** Joyce Pohl's retirement on May 2.

**For** Dick Rossmiller who was privileged to participate in the Badger Honor Flight on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**For** the birth of Dave & Sally Allen's grand-daughter Tess McGinley Allen.

**For** the birth of Loretta McClure's grand-daughter Francis Grace.

**For** Lisa & Fred Anderson who have accepted teaching positions in Costa Rica.

**For** the Eggerling-Boeck's niece Marijka who has finally returned home to her family in Iowa after months of being hospitalized on the east coast.

**For** Rita Lederle and Chris DeDene who have landed new jobs and have moved to St. Paul, MN.

## **Please make the following change in the church directory:**

Change email address for Fred Anderson to:

[andersof@gmail.com](mailto:andersof@gmail.com)

Add phone number for Hedy Lukas: 920-915-6716

Add phone and email for Bob Marshall: 920-915-9928  
[1001bmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:1001bmarshall@gmail.com)

## **Garden Tenders Needed!**

After many years of great work Barb and John Olson have decided to retire as leaders of ORUCC's Garden Tenders Team, and I have agreed to take their place. This is a hard act to follow, so I am starting early this year!

To my great relief most of last year's gardeners are returning, but a few have asked for a well earned break. For 2016, we need approximately 10 new gardeners to work in either small areas or in teams for larger areas. Being a garden tender is fairly simple. In the spring either at Worship and Work Day or sometime before, the beds are cleaned up for the year; new plants and mulch are added where needed. During the course of the growing season, gardeners keep and eye on their beds and weed or water occasionally. In the autumn, gardeners tidy up the beds where necessary. Please, don't feel deterred if you are not an experienced gardener. There is help and advice always available.

We are particularly in need in the area around the front sign, the areas to the left and right of the parking lot entrance, and in the Children's Garden which is located along the foundation of the church opposite the vegetable garden.

If you would like to become involved with the Garden Tenders or would just like more information, please contact me at 608-276-1918 or [vlobertson65@gmail.com](mailto:vlobertson65@gmail.com). Thanks, Victoria Robertson

## Middleton Orchestra Concert

Our very own handbell director, Paul Literio, will be a guest artist with the orchestra at their spring concert on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:30 held at the Middleton high school auditorium. Paul plays the french horn and will be playing a Horn Concerto by Gliere. The concert will also include a Tuba Concerto by Pat Doty and orchestral music pieces by Dvorak and Tchaikovsky.

## "Madison Area Care for the Homeless (MACH)

is a community group focusing on the health care needs of people in our community experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. We are looking for volunteers interested in joining us as we perform a community needs assessment and plan strategies. Our initial efforts include a monthly free foot care clinic, complete with podiatrists. Are you a health care provider with skills to lend? Would you be interested in providing hospitality and general support during the clinic? Please contact Ann Catlett at [abcat2@yahoo.com](mailto:abcat2@yahoo.com)."



## Coexist

Every three years we offer a class for middle school youth called Coexist. This class is a study of the 5 major religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

We used a curriculum called *Burst: World Religions* which is specifically designed for youth.

The hope of this study is that our youth will learn a very basic knowledge of the history, sacred writings, beliefs and practices of these religions as well as an awareness of some of the stereotypes and common misconceptions of these traditions.

In our time together we try and uncover characteristics that these religions have in common. For instance, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism all trace their heritage back to Abraham; Hinduism and Buddhism developed in India and involve escaping from samsara (the belief that all living things are trapped in a cycle of rebirth after death or reincarnation); and all 5 religions have something to say about goodness and morality. It is very important for youth to understand that all of these 5 religions are trying to help people seek a better and more fulfilling life.

Often youth have a harder time discussing the differences of the religions because they have this notion that all religions are the same and it's somehow disrespectful to talk about the differences. We try and help youth understand

that it is by understanding the differences that our respect can deepen and grow. For example, while it is true that all of the faith traditions we study have sacred books and writings, it is also true that the Muslim understanding of the Quran is different from the Christian understanding of the Bible or the Hindu understanding of the Bhagavad Gita (sacred poem that teaches about how to attain salvation). Or, if we try to compare the Christian belief in resurrection to the Buddhist belief in nirvana and say they are the same, we lose sight of the unique meaning of both concepts. Also, to say that Muhammed is to Islam as Jesus is to Christianity waters down both of these religions because this is not a correct understanding of who Muhammed was and who Jesus was. While Muhammad is considered the last and greatest of the prophets, Muslims do not believe that he is the incarnation of God. In Christianity Jesus is believed to be the Son of God—the incarnation of God.

For each session, the youth answered some True/False statements about each religion. Let's see how you do with some of the True/False statements:

1. Islam means peace.
2. Jihad means "holy war" and is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.
3. All Buddhists are atheists.
4. The first noble truth of Buddhism is that all life includes suffering.
5. Hot Yoga is a Hindu religious practice.
6. Hindus believe that one's soul, or atman, moves from one body to the next at rebirth.
7. In the Jewish tradition, a day runs from one sundown to the next sundown.
8. The Jewish Bible is the same as the Christian Old Testament.
9. Christians are cannibals who eat human flesh and drink human blood.
10. Christians believe that God rewards people who do good things and punishes people who do bad things.

Send me your answers! And any questions you might have about this class.

Once the youth have finished this class we give them a diploma—a Coexist bumper sticker! Many thanks to our Coexist teachers: Julie Luecke, Rachael Lancor, Mike Bjork, and Marc Walker!

## **Our Southwest Partnership Employment Efforts:**

For a couple of years, our Southwest Partnership has been running a program called STEP. This is a transitional employment program designed to give hard to employ folks a chance to develop a work history,

with the end goal of obtaining permanent employment. A few numbers give a glimpse of the good work headed by John Wroten with assistance from volunteers Loretta McClure, Baxter Richardson and others. (Since beginning of program)

Number of participants - 63 (41 men, 22 women; 48 African-American, 19 with disabilities, 28 who were homeless)  
Number obtaining employment after STEP - 42

Average Household income before STEP - \$604.56/month

Average Household income after STEP - \$2111.91. (Average increase is 184%)

## **O n - g o i n g** **G r o u p s**

### **Women's Breakfast: SUMMER LOCATION CHANGE:**

**In June, July and August, the group will meet the first Friday of the month at Copper Top at 8:30.**

In September we will resume meeting at the Pancake Café at 728 S. Gammon Rd. (near Watts Rd) at 8:30 on the first Friday of the month. This is an informal gathering to chat on many subjects and interests. Many men have also been joining in at their "guys" table and are welcome as well."

### **Knitting & Crafts**

**Group:** The group will meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm at the church. All are welcome to bring some handwork and join us! Questions, please call Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

**NOTE:** As you plan your knitting and crocheting projects for the summer and fall that include prayer shawls, please plan most of your shawls to be rectangles. Think in terms of 16 to 20 inches wide and 60 to 72 inches long. These are the most used shawls and

would be most helpful.

### **ORUCC Men's Group:**

The Orchard Ridge UCC men's group meets in the Oscar Romero Gathering Room on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:15 pm. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, please contact Dave Myers at 274-0381 or [547\\_5698@msn.com](mailto:547_5698@msn.com).

### **Weekly Meditation**

**Group:** We meet at the church on Thursday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., for a shared time of silent meditation and reflections on our spiritual journeys. Contact Dave Myers (274-0381 or [547\\_5698@msn.com](mailto:547_5698@msn.com)) or Helene Nelson (259-2546 or [helenemargaret@gmail.com](mailto:helenemargaret@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Women's Book Group:**

The next meeting of the Women's Book Group will be May 12, from 7-9 pm hosted by Jan Christian. (Jan will publicize later whether we will meet at church or at her house.)

We will discuss the historical novel CANE RIVER by Lalita Tademy, which was a NY Times best-seller. Ellen Maurer will facilitate the discussion. The author is a black

woman who retired from an upper-level position at Microsoft to research and write her family history. The saga sweeps from the early days of slavery through the pre-Civil Rights South, covering four generations of women in her family. The library system has many hard copies, and it is also available in large print, as a recording, and as an e-book.

**Movie Group:** : Join us Friday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall for the next movie group gathering. Look forward to dessert, coffee, and conversation about the movies you have seen, whether recent films or old movies from the American Film Institute's top 100 list. Please RSVP to hosts Bob and Louise Jeanne by email, [rjeanne@wisc.edu](mailto:rjeanne@wisc.edu) or [louisejeanne@gmail.com](mailto:louisejeanne@gmail.com), or by phone, 271-9481. All are welcome.

### **Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study**

**Takes a Break:** The Bible Study group is recessed for the summer. The group will reconvene on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, to begin discussing Fourth Maccabees in the Apocrypha. All are welcome to come and add

their insights to the discussion! Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Gene or Sandra Dyar at 271-2409.

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
WWW.ORUCC.ORG**

**Church Email Lists:** ORUCC has a few email lists that you may or may not know about. If you would like to be added to or removed from any of these, please send your email to [Ken@orucc.org](mailto:Ken@orucc.org) or [winton@orucc.org](mailto:winton@orucc.org).

**Weekly Epost** which shared the events of the upcoming weekend

**Bi-Monthly Newsletter** (The Communion)

**Bi-monthly Eprayer** list which reminds us of prayers within the congregation

**Weekly Java and Jesus** email that includes reading for discussion on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.. Many receive this for the reading without coming to the discussion.

**Over 55** email list which is sent prior to the monthly luncheon.

**LGBTQ and allies** list which is used periodically to highlight community events or issues.

**VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS**

**Ushers**

**May 22** Jim Treichel,  
Jerry Nelson, Peter Fabian  
**May 29** Phil & Judy Winkel,  
Marilyn Arnold  
**June 5** Rick Daluge,  
Larry Goss, Alex Wollangk  
**June 12** Marilyn Arnold,  
Sandra Dyar, Jon Blanchard  
**June 19** Bob & Carol Prugh,  
Rick Daluge

**Welcomers**

**May 22** Charlene Gallagher,  
John & Donna Lillethun  
**May 29** Kim Kaspar,  
Dick & Lois Rossmiller  
**June 5** Barb McLeod,  
Jan Christian  
**June 12** Barb Hummel,  
John & Donna Lillethun  
**June 19** Hope Soroos,  
Helen Horn

**Sound**

**May 22** Paul Hedges  
**May 29** Jarrett Gersten  
**June 5** Chuck Kaspar  
**June 12** Ken Psyck  
**June 19** Jarrett Gersten

**Coffee**

**May 22** Rich Hoard &  
Dan Stevens  
**May 29** Dolores & Paul  
Gohdes  
**June 5** Chris Thomas,  
Chuck Kaspar  
**June 12** Brian & Rachel  
Lancor  
**June 19** Tom & Char  
Klossner

**Financial Secretary**

**May 22** Mary Bucknell  
**May 29** Jane Ilgen  
**June 5** Gene Dyar  
**June 12** Peter Hoff  
**June 19** Hope Soroos

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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<b>May</b>		
Thursday 12	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Friday 13	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group at church
Sunday 15	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday 17	6:30 p.m.	Leadership Team Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study
Wednesday 18	11:00 a.m.	Progressive Christianity Group
Thursday 19	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Sunday 22	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Work Sunday
Monday 23	7:15 p.m.	ORUCC Men's Group
Wednesday 25	7:00 p.m.	Christian & Witness Meeting
Thursday 26	8:30 a.m.	Meditation/Spirituality Discussion
Friday 13	7:00 p.m.	Movie Group at church
Sunday 29	9:00 a.m.	Java and Jesus
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 30		Holiday Office Closed

